[*Translation*]

Consignment Tax

3683. SHRI GIRDHARILAL BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the States have to suffer loss of revenue on inter-State consignment of goods as Central sales tax cannot be levied on such consignments;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to bring forward legislation during the current Session of Parliament of levy tax on inter-State consignment of goods;

(c) whether the Union Government are regularly assigning to the State Governments the share from the proceeds of the Central sales tax; and

(d) if so, the details of such assignments made to the States during each of the last three years, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) There is avoidance of tax through the medium of inter-State consignment of goods as central sales tax cannot be levied on such consignments.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The proceeds of central sales tax are retained by the collecting States.

(d) Does not arise in view of answer to (c) above.

[*English*]

Setting up of Public Sector Financial Institution for Higher Studies and Research Work

3684. SHRIMATI D.K. BHANDARI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for setting up of a public sector financial institution to fund higher studies and research work;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) when it is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

[*Translation*]

Branches of Nationalised Banks in Rural Areas of Madhya Pradesh

3685. SHRI BHEEM SINGH PATEL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the number of branches of nationalised banks in the rural areas of Madhya Pradesh, bank-wise and district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) :

District-wise and Bank-wise number of branches of Public Sector Banks functioning in rural areas of Madhya Pradesh are given in Statements-I & II respectively.

196 Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) functioning in the country at present, cadre-wise and bank-wise available with the National Bank for Agriculture & Rural Development (NABARD) as on September, 1990 are given in the annexure.

(b). NABARD do not have information regarding the number of women employees working in Regional Rural Banks.